Human Rights of Prisoners

1427. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plan to create some infrastructure to ensure the basic human rights of prisoners; and

(b) how Government plan to save the dignity of an individual which is duly emphasised in the Preamble to the Constitution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) 'Prisons' being State subject as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India, it is primarily for the State Governments to improve their prisons infrastructure. However, the Central Government, in its interactions with the State Governments, has been stressing the need for improving the living conditions in jails. The Central Government has also been providing financial assistance to the State Governments for improving their prison infrastructure.

Foreign Christian Missionaries in India

1428. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of foreign Christian missionaries working in India;

(b) the names of countries from where they have come;

(c) the names of Christian missionaries and Christian voluntary organisations which received money from foreign sources from 1990-91 till date and the amount thereof; and

(d) the names of donor countries and agencies from whom this amount has been received?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Details is given in Annexure I and II. [*See* Appendix 188, Annexure No. 39].

(c) and (d) Under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 association having a definite cultural, economic, educational, religious or social programme can accept foreign contribution only after they are granted registration/prior permission to receive such contribution